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Blessing of Site Launches Construction of New School

A number of dignitaries, clergy; future students and parents gathered today as Archbishop Thomas Collins officially blessed the site of the future Archbishop Oscar Romero High School.

The school, located in Callingwood, on the corner of 69 Avenue and 178 Street, will officially open its doors in September of 2004 and will accommodate 754 students in 31 classrooms. The focal point of this 7,332 square meters two-level school will be a central Student Gathering Area from which students can access the gym, cafeteria, and administration offices.

“This is a very exciting day for the community,” said Board Chair Charlie Koester. “This school will respond to the needs of hundreds of Catholic High School students in west Edmonton,” Koester went on to say.

Archbishop Oscar Romero High School is the fifth new school approved in 2001 for the Edmonton Catholic School District. The four other schools, Mother Teresa Elementary, Father Michael Troy Junior High, St. John Bosco Elementary and Archbishop Joseph MacNeil Elementary/Junior High will open in September of 2003.

Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of El Salvador in 1977. It was a turbulent time for that country and the Archbishop felt helpless that he could not stop the violence. He was often referred to as the Bishop of the Poor and begged for an end to the repression. He was assassinated on March 24, 1980 while presiding at the Eucharist.

Construction on the 12.6 million dollar Archbishop Oscar Romero High School will begin in July.

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